

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 9 is amended, claims 1, 6 and 10 are canceled, and claim 11 is added. No new matter is added.

The Office Action objects to claim 10. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claim 10, thus rendering the objection moot.

The Office Action, in paragraph 3, rejects claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2,325,329 (Ahan) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0067434 (Haga) and U.S. Patent No. 5,534,809 (Watanabe). The Office Action, in paragraph 4, also rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,057,589 (Shin) in view of Watanabe. As claims 1 and 6 are canceled, this rejection is moot.

With respect to claim 9, claim 9 recites, in part, "a first wiring line extending from the input terminal *in a same direction as the direction that the data lines extend, and extending to the second end in a direction perpendicular to the direction that the data lines extend*; and a second wiring line extending from the first wiring line to the control input terminal *in a same direction as the direction that the data lines extend*." Shin does not teach or suggest these features. Additionally, none of the applied references remedy the deficiencies of Shin.

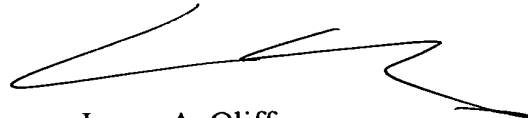
Furthermore, the Office Action acknowledges that Shin fails to teach the claimed length, but asserts that it would have been obvious to make the wiring lines the same length and width "so that each signal-supplying line, from the first terminal to the control input terminal, may be equal in load capacitance." However, such an assertion takes the claim out of context. Specifically, because the signal-supplying lines have the flexed structure, there is significance in making the lengths of the signal-supply lines from the input terminal to the control input terminal the same. Further, by arranging the signal-supply lines as recited in claim 9, there is an advantageous effect to increase the freedom in the arrangement of the input terminal and a selecting circuit.

For at least these reasons, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 is respectfully requested. Further, new claim 11 is patentable over the applied art at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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